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SUBJECT: SOVIET PETROLEUM EXPLORATION AID TO INDIA

1. ACCORDING TO TASS ARTICLE OF AUGUST 7, LATEST ISSUE OF MAGAZINE "SOVIET LAND" CARRIES INTERVIEW WITH INDIAN PETROLEUM MINISTER H.N. BAHUGUNA, IN WHICH HE PRAISES SOVIET AID TO INDIA IN DEVELOPMENT OF INDIA PETROLEUM AND PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY. SOVIETS ARE GIVEN CREDIT FOR "INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE" IN CONSTRUCTION OF OIL REFINERIES AT BARAUNI AND KOYALI, FOR "TIPPING OFF" INDIAN GEOLOGISTS ABOUT OIL IN BAY OF CAMBAY, FOR PROVIDING ASSISTANCE IN BUILDING OIL PROCESSING COMBINE AT MATHURA, AND FOR HELPING TO DEVELOP 1971-1980 PLAN ON OIL AND NATURAL GAS EXPLORATION AND FIELD DEVELOPMENT. SOVIETS ARE ALSO SAID TO HAVE DELIVERED 45 DRILLING RIGS CAPABLE OF DRILLING TO DEPTH OF "SEVERAL KILOMETERS."

2. TASS ARTICLE CITES BAHUGUNA AS NOTING THAT COOPERATION WITH SOVIET EXPERTS IN PROSPECTING WORK ON INDIAN CONTINENTAL SHELF WILL GREATLY HELP IN ACHIEVING INDIAN SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN OIL. BUT ARTICLE DOES NOT GIVE FURTHER DETAILS ON WHAT FORM THIS SOVIET AID IS, OR MIGHT BE TAKING.

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